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FACTS CONCERNING AZISCOHOS DAM.

The largest power basin in the world is created by the completion of the great Aziscohos dam in the heart of the Rangeley region. The last plank of the railing along the top of the dam was spiked in place, Nov. 27.

At Berlin and Rumford the increase in power will be a full 25 per cent. Lewiston mills no longer need suffer from drought as the normal flow of the Androscoggin is thus sufficiently increased to assure continuous work, or about 17 per cent. J. Osborne Faulkner, the Lewiston statistician, discovers that Lewiston mills may be operated 72 days of ten hours each without drawing upon any other source of supply.

A swamp is changed, by three years' employment of an army of men and the expenditure of nearly $1,000,000, into the bed of Sawyer lake, the fourth, in point of greatness, in the whole Rangeley system. The two Richardsons are but slightly its superior, though the great Mooselucmeguntic is twice the area of the new body of water. However, the amount of water which may be drawn from the new lake is equal to that of Mooselucmeguntic. The dam itself is 970 feet long 381 feet being of concrete construction. Fom the ledge foundation the height is 82 feet; height of dam from low point to crest of spillway, 72 feet; length of the main dam, 265 feet; length of spillway, 236 feet, and height from river water surface to surface of full lake, at maximum, 66 feet. The depth of the draft will be 47 feet.

Because of the growing demand for more power along the Androscoggin, mills have been forced to run short time, summer and winter, for about five years. The solution of the problem through the flooding of Magalloway valley and is credited to Walter H. Sawyer, agent for the Union Water Power Co., Lewiston. The carrying out of the enterprise entailed much surveying and to prevent discovery of the purposes of the corporation University of Maine students, under the direction of Professor Boardman were sent to make the survey. This done, negotiations were opened for flowage rights. Building was begun only after preliminaries, lasting five years and including memorable discussion over the application for a charter, were satisfactorily closed.

Aziscohos is 47 miles above Berlin, and Colebrook, the nearest railroad point, is 25 miles from Aziscohos, over a mountainous road. Everything except the lumber was carted. The average number of horse teams employed was 18, and 10 teams a day arrived at the dam. 136 horses were used daily upon the work, 1200 pounds being the load for each. From Dec. 1. 1909 to Feb. 10, 1910, 4,500,000 pounds were delivered at the camps. During the entire work, 16,000,000 pounds were delivered. Every device and known means to make the construction perfect has been used in building the dam. After the Austin, Pa., dam went out with such disastrous results, Agent Sawyer visited the scene of that catastrophy to investigate the cause of the [illegible]. His opinion differed from that advanced at the time which was that the dam slipped on its foundation. In an article in one of the leading engineering journals he said the accident was due to improper concrete construction and that fact has since been accepted as the cause. After freshly laid concrete has set, a white substance, lime, gathers on the surface. If this is not cleaned off before the next layer of concrete is placed, there will be a weak place between these two sections. It was the failure to clear away the gathering lime that helped to cause the Austin disaster.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank all those who have been so kind to us in our recent bereavement.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph K. Chapman.

THE CHRISTMAS DINNER.

In spite of the fact that the word dyspepsia means literally bad cook, it will not be fair for many to lay the blame on the cook if they begin the Christmas Dinner with little appetite and end it with distress or nausea. It may not be fair for any to do that—let us hope so for the sake of the cook! The disease dyspepsia indicates a bad stomach, that is a weak stomach, rather than a bad cook, and for a weak stomach there is nothing else equal to Hood's Sarsaparilla. It gives the stomach vigor and tone, cures dyspepsia, creates appetite, and makes eating the pleasure it should be.

TIBBETTS IS UP AMONG THE SINGERS.

Merrick S. Tibbetts, who is a newcomer among the young men of Bethel has demonstrated his capacity to make good in his chosen work in tones of no uncertain sound.

For the past two years he has been employed by the Prudential Life Insurance Co., as District Manager, having for his field Oxford and Franklin Counties. It seems that the Prudential have some time since had a $100,000 league, conditions for membership being that an agent must write and pay for $100,000 insurance in 12 months. Membership in the league entitles one to an annual trip to some point at the expense of the Company. The trip this year to which Mr. Tibbetts is entitled will be to Colorado Springs, Col.

It certainly shows a persistent application to business on the part of Mr. Tibbetts to pull off a $100,000 business in these two sparsely populated counties when it is observed that only two agents have won out in the State of Massachusetts with its big boasted Boston. The following letter has just been received by Mr. Tibbetts from the Vice-President of the Company:

December 15, 1911.

Mr. Merrick S. Tibbetts,
District Manager,
Bethel, Me.

My dear Mr. Tibbetts:—

It is a pleasure to observe that you have just qualified for 1911 membership in the $100,000 League. Accept our hearty congratulations. Under separate cover we have mailed you your bronze medal and certificate of membership for the current year.

In paying for $100,000 of new business within a period of twelve months, you have progressed from the large class of insurance workers to the select class of salesmen who do things worth while.

Trusting that nothing will prevent your attending the Colorado Springs Convention next year and wishing you continued success, I remain,

Very truly yours,
Forrest F. Dryden,
Vice-President.

The following from the Lewiston Journal will prove of interest to Bethel people as Mr. Bowler was pastor of the Congregational church in this village for some time, his pastorate beginning in 1879.

COLBY'S OLDEST LIVING ALUMNUS.

Stephen Longfellow Bowler of the class of 1847, is now the oldest living alumnus of Colby college. Mr. Bowler was born in Palermo, July 23, 1820. His early education was obtained at home and almost entirely by his own efforts. He entered Colby at 23 and was graduated in 1847. He was valedictorian and is a charter member of Xi chapter of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity. Mr. Bowler studied medicine for a time at a medical college in Castleton, Vt., and later entered Harvard Medical School. He left to study for the ministry, entered Bangor Theological Seminary, and graduated in the class of 1852. A few weeks later he was ordained at Machias and became the pastor of the Center Street Congregational church in that village. A year after he was called to a pastorate in Orono. While at Orono, Mr. Bowler was married to Miss Augusta J. Colburn, May 18th, 1858. Mr. Bowler was sent by the United States Christian commission to Washington, D. C., where he had charge of its work for the army of Potomac. Not only was he in charge of the religious services for the soldiers and prisoners but he was engaged in many kinds of philanthropic work, such as furnishing food supplies and providing sanitary arrangements. His work for the commission was highly successful. At the close of the war, the "Annals of the United States Christian Commission" was published, a book which owes much of its value and worth to the contributions of Mr. Bowler. Upon the completion of his work at Washington, Mr. Bowler returned to Maine. During the past 50 years, he has held many pastorates in the State, and in all of them, he has been eminently successful. His last pastorate was at the Hammond street church, in Bangor. He is at present interested in the affairs of the Seminary and in the Home Department which he founded. Mr. Bowler's life has been a singularly long and active one. At 91, he still takes part in the work which he has done so much to promote, and he still has a keen interest in his college and her welfare.

BASKET BALL.

Gould's Defeats Town Team.

The Gould's five met the Town team a second time last Friday evening at the G. A. gymnasium. The game was fast and very interesting, many calling it the best game yet played this season.

The Town team put up a good fight for a team out of practice. Neither Pingree or Thurston had touched a ball before this year. They had however, a team of veterans, all being former Gould's men and Pingree having figured in the 1908 championship team. The line up was as follows:

Goulds,	Town Team,
Bowler, lf.,	rg., Hall.
Farnham, rf., and rg.,	lg., Pingree.
Foster, c.,	c., Thurston.
Philbrook, rg.,	rf., Twaddle.
Clark, lg.,	lf., Chapman.
Young, rf.,	sub., Taylor.
Cummings, c.	

Both teams did well, Pingree putting up an exceptionally good game. On the Gould's team, Farnham took Philbrooks' place at right guard in the last half, while Young went in at forward. The combination as played was different from the previous formation but seems quite successful.

Goals from field: Bowler 2, Farnham 2, Young 5, Pingree 2, Thurston 1, Twaddle 1, Chapman 1. Goals from fouls: Young 1, Twaddle 2.

MEETING OF MAINE LIVE STOCK BREEDERS ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Maine Live Stock Breeders Association was held at the University of Maine, Orono, last week. The breeders in attendance represented over 800 head of cattle, a large majority of which were pure bred, beside a good number of pure bred and grade horses, hogs, and sheep. The program was carried out practically as reported in the papers two weeks ago.

Election of officers resulted as follows:—President, J. A. Ness, Auburn; Secretary, R. W. Redman, Orono; Treasurer, A. H. Ellis, Fairfield; Vice-Presidents, Androscoggin, P. H. Austin, Danville; Aroostook, Dura Stanchfield, Easton; Cumberland, H. W. Evans, North Bridgton; Franklin, G. W. Walker, Wilton; Hancock, Charles W. Shea, Bar Harbor; Kennebec, D. H. Tingley, Readfield; Knox, E. E. Light, Warren; Lincoln, Wm. Taylor, Wiscasset; Oxford, Benj. Tucker, Norway; Penobscot, E. H. Atkins, Dexter; Piscataquis, A. W. Gilman, Foxcroft; Sagadahoc, P. S. Adams, Bowdoinham; Somerset, Ernest Hilton, Anson; Waldo, George Wentworth, Ctr. Belmont; Washington, C. L. Pike, Lubec; York, J. M. Deering, Saco.

Executive Committee.—P. A. Campbell, Orono; L. E. McIntire, E. Waterford; H. M. Moulton, Cumberland Center, C. H. Miller, West Minot.

Committee for Maine Federation Agricultural Associations.—H. G. Beyer, Jr., Portland; G. H. Dunn, Norway.

Visiting Committee to College and Experiment Station.—W. H. Davis, Augusta.

Some of the important resolutions passed are as follows:—

Resolved: that active steps be taken to secure the passage of the proposed stallion license bill.

Resolved: that some means be devised to put men who wish to purchase animals in touch with those who wish to sell.

Resolved, that the Association consider the advisability of uniting with some of the other State Associations for holding annual meetings.

Resolved: that for educational purposes a vigorous effort be made to hold a live stock judging contest at the State and county fairs.

In order to better promote live stock conditions committees were appointed to represent the different breeds and look after their interests during the coming year. The Committees on Breed Advancement are as follows:—

JERSEYS—H. W. Evans, North Bridgton; H. M. Moulton, Cumberland Center, H. M. Tucker, Canton.

HOLSTEIN FRIESIAN—H. G. Beyer, Jr., Portland; L. E. McIntire, E. Waterford; O. O. Grinnell, Exeter.

AYRSHIRE—J. A. Ness, Auburn; G. H. Dunn, Norway; L. McCrain, Mars Hill.

GUERNSEYS—G. S. Smith, Monmouth; A. W. Gilman, Foxcroft; L. E. Jones, Lisbon Falls.

SHORTHORN—C. R. Leland, Mechanic Falls, A. H. Ellis, Fairfield; O. Pendexter, Carmel.

HEREFORD—D. H. Tingley, Readfield; J. M. Deering, Saco; T. G. Herleigh, Vassalboro.

DRAFT HORSES—J. A. Ness, Auburn; A. C. Sylvester, Mars Hill; W. B. Cristy, Mars Hill.

SHEEP—E. E. Safford, Bowdoinham; Ernest Hilton, Anson, Oscar Shirley, Houlton.

SWINE—G. F. Bridgham, Auburn; E. B. Clark, Wells; B. A. Bailey, Wiscasset.

The question of community breeding was vigorously discussed. It was generally agreed in view of the fact that community breeding plans are successful in various other communities that it would be for the best interests of Maine live stock to investigate conditions and see what can be done toward finding some plan which would be feasible here in this State, and in accordance with this it was voted to ask the Extension Department of the University of Maine to cooperate with the Executive Committee of the Maine Live Stock Breeders Association in making investigations and start such plans as may seem feasible.

Twenty three men paid the life membership fee of $1.00 and became members of the Association. Thirty-eight per cent. of the membership of the Association was in attendance at the meeting; while visitors swelled the total attendance to over 500.

DINNER IN HONOR OF PROF. CHAPMAN.

The following article of interest to Bethel people was taken from the New York Times of December 15th:

DINNER TO WM. R. CHAPMAN.

Rubenstein Club to Honor Its Director at the Waldorf To-night.

Members of the Rubenstein Club will give a dinner to-night to their Director, William Rogers Chapman, who has presided over the work of the club for the last twenty-five years. The dinner will be held in the grand ballroom of the Waldorf. More than 400 subscriptions have so far been received. The club, which was formed in 1887 at the instance of Anna Louise Carey, the opera singer, has met for the last fifteen years at the Waldorf, and as tonight will be the crystal anniversary of the Waldorf, George Boldt will speak. Members of the club will present to Director Chapman an engraved gold stop-watch and to Mrs. Chapman a hand-carved silver mesh bag as souvenirs of the dinner. It is said by the club members that their leader has the distinction of being the only musical director in the world who has not, in twenty-five years of continuous service, missed a single performance or rehearsal.

"We held our first meeting," said Mr. Chapman, "at the old Chickering Hall at Eighteenth Street and Fifth Avenue and were but a mere handful of music lovers. To-day our work has grown to such proportions that my wife and I received a telegram from President and Mrs. Taft wishing us good times and expressing regret that they cannot be with us. Almost all of the famous singers and performers of the last twenty-five years and of the present day have been with us whenever they were in New York and we now meet as a great music-loving family to mutually enjoy our work at these club concerts."

At to-night's dinner John Philip Sousa will be toastmaster. Other prominent guests who have signified their intention of attending are Bishop Burch, Charles F. Littlefield, Edward L. Adams, Dr. Eugene Hoffman Porter, and Reginald de Koven. All of these men will speak at the dinner. Madame Nordica will sing.

EAST BETHEL.

Mrs. Rita Bean has gone to Norway to do dressmaking.

Miss Edna Bartlett is at home from Farmington Normal School for a two weeks' vacation.

Mr. David Gaw of Cambridge, Mass., was a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Bartlett.

Mr. Elmer Track and family visited relatives at Roxbury, Me., the past week.

Mrs. G. K. Hastings was called to South Paris, last Wednesday, by the death of her niece, Miss Rosalita Millett. Mr. Hastings went Friday to attend the funeral.

Mrs. J. M. Bartlett came from Berlin, N. H., last week, and is with her sister, Mrs. F. C. Bean, who is suffering with an abscess on her hand.

Mrs. R. C. Clark is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Kimball. Mr. and Mrs. Clark move to their new home in Lisbon, Me., this week.

Mrs. Sarah Brown Farwell very pleasantly enjoyed a post card shower of over fifty cards, in honor of her 82 birthday, Dec. 18, coming from friends and relatives of Bethel, Middle Intervale, Lovell, and Massachusetts, for which she wishes to return her heartfelt thanks for being so kindly remembered. Her many friends in the home neighborhood also extend her loving and sincere congratulations. Mrs. Farwell is in very good health and able to enjoy her reading, knitting, and fancy work with which she is always busy.

NORTH WEST ALBANY.

C. W. Rolfe visited his son, H. O. Rolfe of East Waterford.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglass Cushing and son called on their aunt, Mrs. C. W. Rolfe, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Martin and family of Harrison have been the guests of Mrs. Martin's sister, Mrs. Irving Hutchinson.

Eldon Mills is working for Benj. Tyler in Mason.

M.E. CONCERT, BETHEL.

The following is the Christmas program, for the concert which is to be held in the M. E. church next Sunday evening.

Organ Voluntary,	Miss Florence Springer.
Song, "Merry Bells Ring Out,"	Chorus.
Prayer,	Rev. C. L. Banghart.
Song, "Holes In Our Stockings,"	Primary Class.
Recitation, "Welcome to Christmas,"	Laura Cummings.
Solo and Chorus, "On Judea's Starlit Plains,"	Mr. Howard Tyler.
Recitation, "Christmas Presents,"	Mary Gorman.
Solo, "Jesus Was a Little Child,"	Blanche Kimball.
Recitation,	Doris Kimball.
Duet and Chorus, "Swell The Song,"	Ruth Banghart and Hazel Arno.
Exercise by Mrs. Durell's Class.	
Recitation,	Marjorie Allen.
Solo, "The Heavenly Song,"	Mrs. John Anderson.
Recitation,	Ethel Capen.
Double Duet, "Gifts For Jesus,"	Misses Arno, Marsden, Atherton, Banghart.
Exercise by Mrs. Kendall's Class.	
Duet, "Welcome The Saviour,"	Hazel Arno, Ruth Banghart.
Song, "Rocking, Rocking,"	Infant Class.
Recitation, "For Father,"	Maud Cummings.
Song, "Worship The Saviour,"	Echo Class.
Recitation,	Bessie Wheeler.
Song, "All The World Is Filled With Joy,"	Chorus.
Recitation,	Elsie Annas.
Solo, "Mary's Lullaby,"	Mrs. Banghart.
Recitation,	Ethel Stearns.
Male Quartet, "As With Gladness."	
Song, "The Birthday of The King,"	Chorus.
Organ Postlude,	Miss Springer.
Benediction.	

RESOLUTIONS ON THE DEATH OF GILMAN P. BEAN.

BETHEL LODGE, NO. 97, F. & A. M.

December 14th, 1911.

Whereas—Death having again entered our order and taken from us our Beloved Brother, Gilman P. Bean, our oldest citizen and one of our oldest members, a brother whose life work has been full of responsibilities in town affairs and deeply interested in other organizations,

Be It Resolved—That as his work is now ended, may the useful life he lived and the memory of his manly and truly masonic virtues be care to inculcate, lending us aid in our progress through manhood and giving us that fortitude which he exemplified in age at the hour of death.

Be It Resolved—That as his life was pious and virtuous, may that same spirit inspire this Lodge to strive to imitate the noble example he set, and each brother become a living testimony of those truly masonic virtues which were his and which we have been charged to inculcate into our lives.

Be It Resolved—That we express our feeling of loss and deep sympathy for his relatives by spreading these resolutions upon our records and sending a copy to his bereaved widow and having them published in the Oxford County Citizen.

I. H. WIGHT,
H. C. ROWE,
A. C. FROST,
Committee on Resolutions.

Attest:—Fred B. Merrill, Sec.

WANT COLUMN.

Put your Want and Sale notices here and they will be read in 3,000 Oxford County homes—4 lines 1 week, 25c. 3 weeks 50c.

PINK AND GREEN TOURMALINES.—Very fine and for sale very cheap. Inquire of HARRY DUDLEY,
Buckfield, Me.
4-8-10-tf.

NOTICE OF LOST BANK BOOK.

Notice is hereby given that the Bethel Savings Bank has been notified that book of deposit issued by said Bank to Z. Erastus Thompson and numbered 2331, has been destroyed or lost and that he desires to have a new book of deposit issued to him.

BETHEL SAVINGS BANK,
By A. E. Herrick, Treas.
Bethel, Me., Dec. 5, 1911.
12-7-3t.

FOR SALE.—303 Savage Rifle, also 30—30 Savage in fine condition.
E. P. LYON,
Bethel, Maine.
11-23-tf.

COLLIE PUPS FOR SALE.

Thoroughbred, Sable and White Scotch Collie Pups. Price, five dollars ($5.00) each.
H. N. HEAD,
Bethel, Maine.
12-14-tf.

BETHEL NATIONAL BANK.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bethel National Bank will be held in the banking rooms of said Bank, in Bethel, Maine, on Tuesday the ninth day of January, 1912, at two o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

ELLERY C. PARK, Cashier.
Bethel, Maine, November 28th, 1911.
11-30-tf.

Wanted—Bright, intelligent, young women between 20 and 30 years, with High school education, wishing to become professional nurses. Apply to Supt. of Nurses, The Children's Hospital, Portland, Maine.

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE.

Pursuant to a license from the Hon. Judge of Probate, for the County of Oxford, State of Maine, I shall sell at public auction, on the premises in South Bethel in Bethel, in said County, on Saturday, January 20th, 1912, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, all the right, title and interest which Althea C. Farwell, late of said Bethel, deceased, had in and to the following described real estate, viz:—

Property situated in Bethel in Walker's Mills Village, so-called, and described as follows, viz:—Commencing at the southeasterly corner of what was called the Blake Place and running seventy-three feet on the road leading to Locke's Mills Village in Greenwood; thence northerly on a line parallel with the Blake Lot to the lot line; thence westerly on the lot line seventy-three feet; thence southerly on the Blake Lot line to the first mentioned bound. Dated at Bethel, Maine, this twelfth day of December, 1911.

FRANK E. STEVENS,
Administrator of the estate of Althea C. Farwell.
12-14-3t.

At the regular meeting of the Brown Relief Corps, the following officers were elected. President, Eva Hastings; Sen. V. Pres., Alice C. Willis; Jun. V. Pres., Alice J. Farwell; Treas, Nellie Davis; Chap., Carrie Arno; Con., Louise Parrington; Guard, Constance Wheeler; Delegates, Eva B. Fox and Nellie Davis; Alternates, Martha Kendall and Iris Bartlett. One new member was added to the roll.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Clark went to East Bethel, Monday, Mr. Clark going to Lisbon, Tuesday, where he has purchased a farm. Mrs. Clark will follow after a few days' visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Kimball.

$18 buys a good ensemble for cost at
F. H. NOYES CO.

All-wool blue-vest trousers, $3.00.
F. H. NOYES CO.

Lambskin vests, $3.00.
F. H. NOYES CO.

A good work coat for $1.75.
F. H. NOYES CO.

BETHEL AND VICINITY.

The Ladies' Club will be omitted this week.

There will be preaching at Locke Mills, Sunday.

The E. O. K. A. held a meeting Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Coburn are visiting relatives in Rumford.

Rev. J. H. Little was called to Paris Monday, to attend a funeral.

The W. C. T. U. held an interesting meeting with Mrs. F. C. Jordan last week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Stearns will soon come to Bethel to spend the remainder of the winter with their daughter, Mrs. E. C. Park.

Mrs. Fordyce Brooks of Errol, N. H., is visiting her mother and sisters on Paradise for a few days.

Chas. Cross has finished work in Portland and has returned to Bethel with his teams.

Mr. Roy Thurston, who is spending the winter in camp at Ketchum, was in town the last of the week.

Clyde Lowe has gone to Norway to work in the shoe shop.

Haywood Lowe has gone to Haverhill, Mass., for a few weeks' visit.

Mrs. Payson Grover visited her daughter, Mrs. Charles Valentine, last Thursday.

Dr. Packard has been in town to visit his brother, H. A. Packard, who has been ill.

Gard Twaddle spent the week end with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Twaddle.

Miss Edith Thurston has returned from Richardson Pond, where she visited her brother and his wife.

Mrs. Chase of Winterport, Maine, came to Bethel Tuesday afternoon to spend the winter with her sister, Mrs. C. L. Banghart.

Mrs. J. V. Holt of Andover, Mass., and son Reginald came Monday afternoon to spend the week with Mrs. Holt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. U. Purington. Mr. Holt and Harry Purington will join them Friday.

While the snow storm kept many from attending church last Sunday, there were seven from Paradise Road present at the morning service at the Universalist church.

The snow plough, this week, made a good side walk up Paradise Road. There are thirteen school children on this street, all within a short distance from Broad street.

Posters are out for a concert and ball to be given by the Volunteer Hose Company. The lovers of the dance in Bethel have had opportunity in the past to see how this Company does things, and it goes without saying, that this ball will be one of the successes of the season. The hall will be specially decorated for the occasion and one of the features will be a moon dance. Music will be furnished by the Glendale orchestra of Berlin, which has already made a hit in Bethel.

Saturday evening, December 23, a supper will be served at Garland Chapel, for the Sunday School and friends of the Sunday School who wish to join in a picnic supper. The presents from the Christmas tree will be distributed after the supper. There will be no special soliciting for food but all who come please remember it is a picnic supper. Let all who are interested in the children of the Sunday School make this a merry season for them. Herrick's orchestra will be one of the attractions. Sunday evening there will be an unusually fine concert at seven o'clock to which all are invited.

Dr. and Mrs. Gehring were in Boston last week.

Rev. J. H. Little was in Lewiston, this week.

Claude Goddard is at home from the Bowdoin Medical School.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Thurston and son visited in Berlin, N. H., recently.

Mr. Geo. E. King of Cupsuptic is spending the holidays with his family.

Miss Ethel Hammonds of Portland is at home for the Christmas vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. L. Farwell attended State Grange at Lewiston, this week.

Miss Fannie Carter of Providence, R. I., is spending the holidays with her parents.

Mr. E. A. Herrick is in Roxbury this week, helping install the engine in Thurston's mill.

Miss Bertha Thurston substituted for Miss Gwendolyn Stearns in the second primary grade, Thursday.

Mrs. Albion Chapman was in town last week, called here by the death of Mrs. Catherine Chapman.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hammond have as guests their two little grandsons of Colebrook, N. H.

PRESENTS

Combining Utility and "Giftiness" are to be found in my display of

Electric Appliances and Table Lamps

at C. A. Lucas' store.

JAMESON L. FINNEY.

XMAS TREE OUTFITS
HOLLY AND FRUIT LAMP CLUSTERS

DEMONSTRATION OF APPLIANCES CHEERFULLY GIVEN

Mrs. Harry Jordan is confined to the house by a bad sprain of the ankle sustained by a fall, Tuesday morning.

Wendall O. Philbrook and Gard W. Twaddle were among the initiates of Gamma Gamma Chapter at the Phi Chi Medical fraternity of the Medical School of Maine, which held its annual initiation ceremonies at Portland, last Saturday afternoon.

At 3 o'clock Friday afternoon the boys of Bethel Grammar School will present a dialogue from Dickens' Christmas Carol. The girls have prepared a drill entitled Christmas Stars. Pupils of the other grades will assist with songs and recitations. Parents and friends are invited.

Mrs. Catherine (Feeney) Chapman, widow of Albion Curtis Chapman, passed away at her home on Summer St., December 13th. Mrs. Chapman was born in Dublin, Ireland, May 12, 1838, but came to this country when thirteen years of age. She has lived in Bethel for fifty-five years and was known throughout the town as "Aunt Kate." Though the mother of nine children she is survived by but one, Ralph E. Chapman, who resides on Summer street in Bethel. The funeral was held at the home on Saturday at 1 o'clock, Rev. W. C. Curtis, officiating, assisted by Rev. J. H. Little. The interment was at Riverside cemetery.

Shop Early In The Day. THIS STORE WILL BE OPEN EVERY EVENING THIS WEEK. **Shop Early In The Day.**

Only 3 Shopping Days Before Christmas.

The few remaining days before Christmas will be busy ones at this store.

While our stock is much reduced there are still many gifts awaiting your inspection.

The following list, though far from complete will suggest something of the varied lines and prices:

WATCHES.
A carefully selected stock of Ladies' and Gentlemen's watches, cased in gold, gold filled, silver, etc, from $5.00 to $50.00.

BOY'S WATCHES.
From the famous dollar watch up to $20.00. Sure to please any boy.

RINGS.
Ladies' stone rings, all solid gold, many styles and kinds including diamond, pearl, amethyst ruby, topaz, turquoise, opal, etc. Prices from $1.50 to $50.00.
Gentlemen's and boys' rings, stone, signet, etc. $1.50 to $50.00.
Baby rings. "Cute little ones" just right for the little one's finger. 75c to $1.50.

PICTURES.
Local views, hand colored, framed or unframed, 35c to $7.25.
Water colors of familiar local views painted by local artist at extremely reasonable prices.
Popular line of 10c pictures, large ones on mats, small ones framed or passepartouted, mottoes, etc., your choice, 10c.
Other pictures 25c to $2.50

CUFF BUTTONS.
A useful gift for man or boy. Solid gold and filled. In many designs. 50c to $6.50.

SCARF PINS.
A large stock of these pleasing gifts in many new styles, gold, gold filled, and sterling, 25c to $10.00.

BROOCHES.
Solid gold set with diamonds, pearls, opals, amethysts, etc., gold filled and silver in the latest shapes. Also veil pins, bar pins, belt pins, etc., 25c to $16.00.

COLLAR PINS.
These little pins are always useful. Prices range from 25c a pair for plated ones up to $2.50 a pair for solid gold hand engraved ones.
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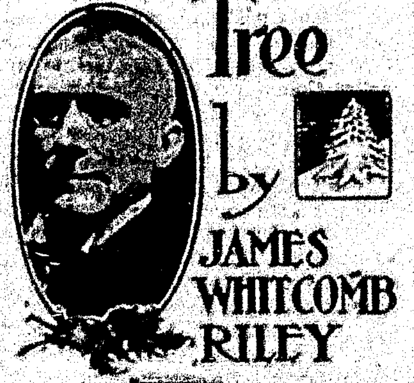

LITTLE Mandy and her Ma
'S poorest folks you ever saw!
Lived in poorest house in town,
Where the fence 'uz all tore down.

And no front-door steps at all—
Ist a' old box 'g'inst the wall;
And no door-knob on the door
Outside,—My! but they 'uz poor!

Wus no winder-shutters on,
And some of the winders gone,
And where they 'uz broke they'd pas'e
Ist brown paper 'crost the place.

Tell you! when it's winter there,
And the snow ist ever'where,
Little Mandy's Ma she say
'Spec' they'll freeze to death some day.

Wunst my Ma and Me—when we
Be'n to church, and's goin' to be
Chris'mas purty soon,—we went
There—like the Committee sent.

And Sir! When we're in the door,
Wus no carpet on the floor,
And no fire — and heels—and—head
Little Mandy's tucked in bed.
And her Ma telled my Ma she
Got no coffee but ist tea,
And fried mush—and's all they had
Sense her health broke down so bad.

Nen Ma hug and hold me where
Little Mandy's layin' there;
And she kiss her, too, and nen
Mandy kiss my Ma again.

And my Ma she telled her we
Goin' to have a Chris'mus-Tree
At the Sunday School, 'at's for
All the children, and for her.

Little Mandy think—nen she
Say, "What is a Chris'mus-Tree?"
Nen my Ma she gived her Ma
Somepin' 'at I saw.

And say she must take it,—and
She ist maked her keep her hand
Wite close shut, and nen she kiss
Her hand—shut ist like it is.

Nen we comed away . . . And nen
When its Chris'mus Eve again,
And all of us childerns be
At the Church and Chris'mus-Tree—

And all git our toys and things
'At old Santy Claus he brings
And puts on the Tree;—wite where
The big Tree 'uz standin' there.

And the things 'uz all tooked down,
And the childerns, all in town,
Got their presents—nen we see
They's a little Chris'mus-Tree.

Wite behind the big Tree—so
We can't see till nen, you know,—
And it's all ist loaded down
With the purtiest things in town!

And the teacher smile and say:
"This here Tree 'at's hid away
It's marked 'Little Mandy's Tree!'
Little M a n d y! Where is she!"
Nen nobody say a word.
Stilliest place you ever heard!
Till a man tiptoes up where
Teachers' still a-waiting there.

Nen the man he whispers, so
Ist the Teacher hears, you know.
Nen he tiptoe back and go
Out the big door—ist as slow!

Little Mandy, though she don't
Answer—and Ma say "she won't
Never, though each year they'll be
'Little Mandy's Chris'mus-Trees!'

For pore children"—my Ma says—
And Committee say they guess
"Little Mandy's Tree" 'ull be
Bigger than the other Tree!

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SOUTH PARIS.

The dates for the annual fair of the Good Cheer Society of the Universalist Church have been set as February 28 and 29 and March 1, 1912. The committees thus far appointed are: Chairman, Mrs. Charles Young; fancy work, Mrs. L. E. Bean; candy table, Mrs. G. H. Herrick; aprons, Mrs. C. H. Thayer; 5 and 10 cent table, Mrs. Will Wheeler; food table, Mrs. J. D. Haynes; entertainment, Mrs. Virgie Wilson, W. L. Nelson and Ed. Jones. During the fair lunches will be served by the ladies of the food department.

At the Methodist Church Sunday evening will be a carol concert. Monday will be the supper and Christmas tree for the Sunday school. B. E. Chapman is to get the tree and set it up. Mrs. G. C. Ordway's class and Mrs. T. M. Davis' class will decorate it. Mrs. Kenley's class will have charge of the supper, and Mrs. George Burnham will have the arranging of the music.

The Congregational Church will have the usual Christmas exercises and a tree on Monday evening.

A big party of Patrons left on the 4.14 train Monday afternoon for Lewiston to attend the session of the State Grange. About 50 were on the train in charge principally of the Pomona Master, Richard Oates. They were a jolly party and having a nice time.

A Farmers' Institute has been appointed for South Paris, December 22, at the Grange Hall by the Commissioner of Agriculture.

The marriage intentions of Russell B. Locke and Miss Olive C. Harris, both of Paris, are recorded on the books of town clerk Wheeler. They are both well known in Paris.

The Home and Foreign Mission societies will have a special meeting Thursday with Mrs. T. N. Kenley. The Delta Alphas will have a special meeting the same evening at the Deering Memorial Church parlors.

Sunday evening was a union service at the Baptist church.

The third degree will be conferred at Mt. Mica lodge I. O. O. F., Thursday evening.

Harold Fletcher who was operated upon last Tuesday for appendicitis is getting along nicely. He sat up a half hour Monday.

Robert Whitman who is very sick with typhoid fever is still in a critical condition.

Mrs. Lizzie Edgerly went to Wilton Tuesday to visit a week with her sister.

Miss Edith Maxwell who is teaching in Massachusetts will be home this week for the Christmas vacation.

F. L. Perkins of Mechanic Falls, will run a special to Lewiston December 29th, to [illegible] at the Empire.

Miss Lou Frost, milliner for Mrs. L. C. Smiley, went to her home at Yarmouth, Sunday. It is understood that Miss Frost will engage in business at Yarmouth soon.

Rev. J. H. Little of Bethel visited at Paris a short time Monday. He was on his way to the State Grange meeting at Lewiston.

R. T. Cobb of Auburn was in the two towns on business Monday.

F. S. [illegible] of Auburn was here on business, Monday.

Mrs. W. L. Gray and Mrs. D. M. Stewart were at Portland on business Monday.

Mrs. W. J. Wheeler who has been on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Roy Cobb at Auburn returned home Tuesday. Mrs. Cobb returned with her for a visit and Mr. Cobb will come Friday.

Not Always Lasting.

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WEST PARIS.

The Methodist and Free Baptist Sunday schools will unite in Christmas exercises, and a tree at the M. E. chapel, Monday evening.

Christmas will be observed at the Universalist church by the following exercises. Friday afternoon at 3.30 there will be a Christmas tree and social for the small children, who are expected to invite their mothers. Friday evening at 7.30 there will be a Christmas tree and social for older members and friends. Sunday morning there will be an appropriate sermon by the pastor, music by the ladies' quartette. Solo, Miss Alice Barden. Sunday evening at 7.30 in the main auditorium the Y. P. C. U. will hold a Christmas service. To all these exercises everyone is cordially invited.

There will be a New Year dance in Grange Hall, Monday evening, Jan. 1. Music by Davis' orchestra of Norway, four pieces.

Word was received here Tuesday morning of the death of Mrs. Effie (Mayhew) Robinson at the home of George Robinson at Stearns' Hill. Mrs. Robinson had been a victim of the dread disease consumption for the past two years, spending several months at the Maine Sanitarium, Hebron, in the vain pursuit of health. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Mayhew of Sumner, and was 35 years of age. She married James Robinson and to them was born one daughter, Myrtle. Mr. Robinson died several years ago. Mrs. Robinson is survived by the daughter, Myrtle, and father, before mentioned, also several brothers and sisters.

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SUNDAY RIVER.

Dan Cowan is on the sick list.

Chas. Gibbs has purchased a fine pair of horses.

J. A. Newlin called on friends in Bethel, Monday.

J. A. Spinney was in Norway one day this week.

Geo. and Will Cowan of Augusta are spending a few days with their brother, Dan Cowan.

Will Powers, Sr., went into the woods for Guy Thurston, Monday.

Mrs. Esther Powers is staying at C. D. Bean's.

DEFINING A PHENOMENON.

A workman, endeavoring to explain to one of his mates what a phenomenon was, made the following attempt:

"It's like this: Suppose you were to go out into the country and see a field of thistles growing."

"Yes," assented the friend.

"Well, that would not be a phenomenon."

"No, that's quite clear," agreed the other man.

"But suppose you were to see a lark singing away up in the sky."

"Yes."

"Well, that would not be a phenomenon."

"No, that also seems clear."

"But imagine there is a bull in the field."

"Yes." His friend could imagine that.

"Now that would not be a phenomenon."

"No."

"But now, Bill, look here. Suppose you saw that bull sitting on them thistles whistling like a lark—well, that would be a phenomenon."—Tit-Bits.

HOTELS IN PORTUGAL.

Paying One's Bill There Becomes a Duel in Politeness, but the Host Wins Anyway.

When traveling for the first time in Portugal one is apt to become exasperated when he desires to settle up with his landlord at the hotel. When the traveler asks how much his bill is the landlord bows graciously, smiles suavely, rubs his hands together and replies that the bill is as much as the guest wishes to contribute.

This is simply the opening of a duel of politeness, for the hardened traveler at once thanks the landlord for his confidence in him and again very courteously asks for a detailed statement of his account. Still the bill is not forthcoming, for the landlord declares that he does not wish to insult his guest in any such manner. Finally the landlord does reckon up the charges on his fingers. When he has finished he asks the traveler how much the sum total is. If the traveler hasn't kept track of it the landlord very laboriously goes over the account again. If the guest has footed up the bill the landlord is sure that it cannot be so much and insists on a re-reckoning. The result is the same, and the landlord invariably needs to bring two or three more fingers into use for items that had been accidentally omitted.

Needless to state, the traveler not hardened to this process breathes a deep sigh of relief when he "escapes."—Boys' World.

DIET AND AGE.

Proper Eating Would Insure Better Health and Longer Life.

Medical experts, insurance men, educators and teachers of the science of health and happiness generally are in favor of simpler living and a return to nature. The mortality of adult age—of the period between forty and sixty—is increasing, but it is not due to the stress of modern life, to worry and overwork, as some have supposed. It is due, we are assured, to overeating and bad diets. There is every reason why we should live longer and be healthier, for comforts are increasing and inventions are lessening toil and anxiety. But our very prosperity has led to richer and simpler diets, and there is where the mischief lies—there, and in our indoor life. We shun nature; we shut out light and air; we walk little and seldom eat or rest in the open air, in gardens, fields or on porches.

This is all wrong, and the wages of this wrong are ill health, depression, gloom, the shortening of the natural span of life. Habits of outdoor life should be formed early—at school. As much teaching as possible should be done in the open air—and as much playing likewise. After graduation boys and girls should continue to cultivate the outdoor life and families should continue the practice.—Chicago Record Herald.

Telephone Lies.

At One Hundred and First street and Broadway a man was talking into a telephone. Presently he was heard to say: "All right, I'll come. I am now at Twenty-third street and Broadway. I'll be up in about half an hour."

"That chap seems to have lost his bearings," said a man who had overheard the error in locality.

"He knows where he is all right," said a drug clerk. "He's just putting up a bluff. It is quite a common bluff. Men who have a mighty high regard for truth at all other times do not hesitate to tell a whopper about where they are when talking over the telephone. I have heard persons swear over that wire that they were telephoning from points all the way from Hoboken to Amityville. They were not seasoned liars, either; just wanted a few minutes' grace apparently and thought the easiest way to get it was to make out they were a mile or two farther away than they really were."—New York Press.

Custom In Spain.

One thing specially is vital in Spain: "Costumbre," they say ("It is the custom"). It explains commercial honor largely for the Spanish business man to keep his word and pay his bills; exactly as it is equally customary for him to lack what we call "honor" in some other departments of life. It is customary to do or not to do, to like or not to like, a thousand things. Why? "Costumbre" is the only reply. It is customary, moreover, not to yield readily to an improvement or a luxury, even as it is again equally customary, once the Spaniard has yielded to a given thing, to hold to it like adamant. —Arthur Stanley Riggs in Century.

His Preference.

"You can get an armful of daisies for a dime," pointed out the optimist, "and just look at their bright, merry little faces!"

"What do I want with an armful of daisies?" growled the pessimist. "I'd rather have a cheese sandwich."—New York Journal.

A Snake Tale.

A man took his small son to the park. They led bread to the swans and then stood for a long time in front of a cage of serpents. The boy looked at them with fascinated eyes. At last he exclaimed, "I like these tails all right, but where are the animals?"—Lippincott's.

Reckoning It Easily.

Young Wife—Tomorrow will be my twenty-fifth birthday. Hubby—Why, a year ago, just before our wedding, you told me you were twenty. Young Wife—Yes, but we women age rapidly after marriage.—Boston Transcript.

CURING BAD HABITS.

A Professional Hypnotist's Opinion and Advice About Some People's Pet Weaknesses.

In a large eastern city is a professional hypnotist who has a wide reputation for curing the habit of intemperance. His method is dirt simple.

"There is no real hypnotism about it —unless it is a matter of self hypnotism," this professor once said. "I simply observe the mind process of the man that drinks and advise him how to reverse it. The subconscious soliloquy in the mind of the man that drinks runs something like this: 'When did I have my last ball? Whew! Long as that! I don't see how I stood it so long. Wouldn't have thought it possible.' And so on the victim repeats to himself on the principle that he needs this periodical stimulant just as it is necessary to heap coal on to fire to keep it from burning out. In a word, that man self hypnotizes himself into the belief that he needs a drink.

"My advice to cure this craving is not to fight the appetite, but to fight down the cause that leads to the appetite. Let a man repeat to himself over and over again: 'I really don't need this drink. If I take it, it's simply a matter of pouring so much down my throat superfluously, for I could get along without.' Before long he will be surprised how instead of hypnotizing himself into drink he will hypnotize himself out of it."

Simple, isn't it? But if this self hypnotism or whatever you choose to call it is a cure for intemperance why is it not equally a recipe for curing other bad habits?—Chicago Tribune.

It Depends.

Bill—They tell me that a goat eats twelve times its weight in a year.

Jill—Does that represent much food, do you suppose?

"Well, it all depends whether what the goat eats happens to be paper covered novels or lead pipe!—Yonkers Statesman.

The Christmas Store

In every sense of the word this store is the "Christmas Store." We have spared no pains in making it so. The store is dressed in Christmas attire, and a radiant Xmas spirit prevails. Your Christmas shopping in this store will be a pleasure. An unusually fine showing of useful Holiday Gifts at very reasonable prices.

Every line of goods mentioned below is a department in itself offering countless gift suggestions.

The NEWEST STYLES in LADIES' COATS, SUITS and DRESSES.
The LATEST WEAVES in DRESSGOODS and SILKS.
XMAS WAISTS in dainty creations of muslin and messaline. Ask to see our $2.98 Messaline Waist made of the silk used in the regular $5.00 Waist.
CHRISTMAS FURS for Ladies and Children.
KIMONOS and BATH ROBES, gifts that will furnish comfort.
BAGS, an endless line of all that is new.
LINENS, new lot of TOWELS, TRAY CLOTHS, LUNCH CLOTHS and DOILIES.
SWEATERS, TOQUES and MUFFLERS.
APRONS, a complete assortment.
UMBRELLAS, all qualities, plain, fancy and Mission handles.
HANDKERCHIEFS, thousands of dainty creations of lace and embroidery as well as the plain ones.
NECKWEAR, BELTS and GLOVES. You must see our showing to appreciate them.
CHRISTMAS NOVELTIES, a large and desirable showing.
ART NEEDLEWORK will solve some of your gift problems.
LACE CURTAINS and DRAPERIES.

We have made only a few suggestions that we might help you. There are countless other things that would make desirable gifts.

DRY GOODS
Thomas Smiley
SMILEY SYSTEM—SIX STORES

NORWAY, MAINE.

Christmas Is Near At Hand

And plants make a very nice Christmas present. There isn't anything more cheerful in winter time than a nice plant in bloom.

Azaleas in different colors, $1.75 to $3.00 each.
Primroses at 75 cents each.
Roman Hyacinths at 35 cents and up.
Paper White Narcissus, 50 cents to a dollar.
Orange Tree, $4.00.
I have for decorating purposes Laurel Roping, 12 cents a yard.
Holly Wreaths, 25 cents each.
Loose Holly and Mistletoe.
On Saturday I shall have cut flowers.
Roses, $2.00 to $3.00 a dozen.
Violets at $1.50 per bunch.
Carnations, white, $1.00 a dozen; mixed $1.25, and colored varieties, $1.50 a dozen.

You are requested to bring in your orders for cut flowers early to avoid disappointment.

A. Van Den Kerckhoven.

Tender Hearted Youths.

Sympathetic Old Lady—You're kind hearted boys to help that poor fellow up. Here's a quarter for some candy.

Rathskeller Small Boy (helping fat man wave for figure)—Thanks, ma'am, but just hang around a minute and watch th' fun when he falls ag'in. —New York Times.

Very Lucky.

"I don't get what I deserve for my jokes," wailed the humorist.

"You're lucky," sympathized his friend.—Toledo Blade.

The Joke on Her.

"I suppose being the wife of a humorist is a continuous joke," said her former schoolmate.

"Yes," she sadly sighed, looking at her faded and old fashioned gown, "and it's on me."—Exchange.

One Exception.

Neurotic Old Man—I say, did you break the record?

Amateur—No, but I broke everything else.—Judge.

COLLECTOR'S ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE OF LANDS OF NON-RESIDENT OWNERS.

STATE OF MAINE.

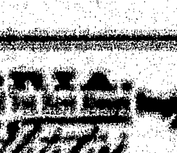
Unpaid taxes on lands situated in the Town of Newry, in the County of Oxford, for the year 1911.

The following list of taxes on real estate of non-resident owners in the Town of Newry aforesaid, for the year 1911, committed to me for collection for said Town on the tenth day of July, 1911, remain unpaid; and notice is hereby given that if said taxes with interest and charges are not previously paid, so much of the real estate taxed as is sufficient to pay the amount due therefor, including interest and charges, will be sold without further notice at public auction at Grange Hall in said Town, on the first Monday in February, 1912, at nine o'clock A. M.

Name of Owner.	Description of Property.	Am't tax, charges, etc.
Hannah Ryerson, Heirs of	House and Lot. East Corner David Smith Farm, and John Frost Field.	$11.50

December 19, 1911. H. M. Kendall, Collector of Taxes of the Town of Newry

CASTORIA.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher



PARKER'S HAIR BALSAM

RUMFORD.

E. B. Davis has a most attractive store in the Howe building. Holly and all kinds of Xmas flowers as well as ferns in attractive hanging pots are for sale at reasonable prices.

The wedding of Frank A. Martin and Miss Ida M. Richardson occurred Monday at noon in Brewer. The young couple were married at their own home in Brewer by Rev. Geo. A. Martin, formerly pastor of the M. E. church of this town. Mrs. A. K. Martin was present at the ceremony.

Miss Hawse of Westbrook visited her brother Henry Q. Hawse the first of last week.

Miss Elizabeth Quaid will leave Saturday to spend Christmas with her parents in St. Stephens, N. B.

On Friday of last week the Rumford High School basket ball team played Bryant's Pond High School team and beat them 19 to 6. The High School team are certainly "coming some" as the slang expression is.

H. L. Elliott and Henry Nelson are at Roxbury Pond surveying and looking out for some water for the new Water District which is to be formed.

Hon. J. P. Swasey of Canton was in town Monday and Tuesday of this week on business.

The town schools closed on Friday, with the exception of the High School for a two weeks' vacation.

On Saturday afternoon the young ladies of the High School gave Miss Ethel Foster a shower at the home of Miss Eleanor Hawley. A merry time was enjoyed and Miss Foster was the recipient of many useful and appropriate presents.

The Queen Esther girls will hold their next meeting with Miss Ethel Brainerd at her room on Rumford Ave., and Miss Louise Strasberg will be the leader, her subject being, "Immigration."

Miss Mildred Wescott and Miss Norma Oates are expected home from Simmons College, Friday.

Miss Hazel McGregor and Frances Harris arrived home tonight from LaSalle's Seminary in Auburndale where they are attending school.

Special music will be rendered in all the churches on Sunday. The Methodist church will give a cantata Sunday evening. Miss Jean Moir and Mrs. Moir will be the soloists of the morning and evening.

The Bowling "Craze" is still on and the alleys at the Institute are full every evening.

Mrs. Everett Joscelyn of Portland is the guest of her father, Mr. Geo. D. Bisbee.

Miss Margaret Dennett will leave Saturday for Boston to spend the Xmas holidays with friends.

Jas. Shea has moved his tailoring establishment into the building situated at 29 Congress St., and has got a first class tailor shop ready to serve his customers in first class style.

Albert Beliveau returned Tuesday, from Bangor where he spent Sunday.

The masquerade ball held on Dec. 15, at Howard Opera house in Mexico by Doherty and Smith was a great success. Quite a few from this side attended. Wallace Batterfield won a prize as being the best dancer on the floor.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lynn of Oquossoc were in town Monday.

Chas. Atwood of U. of M. is expected home on Saturday to spend a week's vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Atwood.

C. T. Parker left Monday for York County on business for the rest of the week.

Miss Molly Hescock left Saturday morning for Phillips after spending two weeks with her sister, Mrs. Sheehy.

Miss Ethel Brainerd left Saturday for Augusta to spend Christmas with her mother and sister.

Judge Newhall of Lewiston was in town Tuesday on business.

Mrs. J. E. W. Clarke will substitute in the office of the I. P. Co., in the absence of Miss Elizabeth Quaid.

J. H. Hassett is ill at his home on Prospect Ave., but at this writing is a little improved.

Miss Hazel Lovejoy worked last week in the office of J. A. McMennamin.

On Thursday evening Mrs. Baker entertained a dinner party consisting of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Kennard, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Hamblett, Mr. and Mrs. Cowan, Mr. Freeland Morrison, Miss Elizabeth Pettingill and Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Pettingill.

Miss Hattie Varney left the last of the week to spend Christmas with her family at Turner.

IMPORTANCE OF HEALTHY KIDNEYS

Bethel Readers Should Learn to Keep the Kidneys Well.

The kidneys have a big work to do. All the blood in the body is coursing through the kidneys constantly to be freed of poisonous matter. It is a heavy enough task when the kidneys are well, but a cold, chill, fever or some thoughtless exposure is likely to irritate, inflame and congest the kidneys and interrupt the purifying work.

Then the aching begins, and is usually accompanied by some irregularity of the urine—too frequent passages, sediment or retention. Thousands testify to the wonderful merit of Doan's Kidney Pills, a remedy for the kidneys only, that has been used in kidney troubles 75 years. You will make no mistake in following this Bethel citizen's advice.

A. L. Holt, carpenter, Elm St., Bethel, Me., says: "I consider Doan's Kidney Pills a reliable kidney remedy. They proved effective in my case, removing backache and restoring my kidneys to a normal condition."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

Could Be Useful.

"Mamma says that if you could make up your mind to go into papa's business, Arthur, he would very likely consent to our engagement."

"But, my darling girl, I'm a poet."

"That doesn't matter. You could write advertisement rhymes for our stuff."—Fliegende Blatter.

A Bad Cold.

"There are two stages in a bad cold," averred Uncle Allan Sparks. "In the one stage it afflicts the man that's got it, and in the other it afflicts everybody else."—Chicago Tribune.

Probably.

The Orator—I arsk yer, Wot is this life we 'old so dear? Soon I'll be lyin' with me forefathers. The Voice—An' givin' them points at the game too!—London Sketch.

Needle Books Given Away.

A most useful little present, indispensable to every housekeeper, a needle book, containing forty of the best needles made, will be sent free to any address. With your request for this needle book, enclose a yellow wrapper from a bottle of "L. F." Atwood's medicine, stating your experience or opinion of the remedy. Write today to the L. F. Medicine Co., Portland, Maine.

THINK IT OVER

Would the ablest business men in the country have a bank account if there was no advantage or convenience in it? Would they have been able to reach their present commanding position if they had spent half their time worrying about the safety of the money they had made?

THE RUMFORD NATIONAL BANK

invites you to open an account as they did. The same advantages they found in so doing will accrue to you if you accept the invitation.

THE RUMFORD NATIONAL BANK,
RUMFORD, ME.
4 PER CENT. INTEREST

ANDOVER.

The King's Daughters met last week with Mrs. Ella Damon. The next meeting will be in January, when the officers for the coming year will be elected.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gammon and son, who have been visiting at John Talbot's, returned to their home in Providence, R. I., last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Jackson, who have spent the past several months at their summer home returned Dec. 13th to their home in Brookline, Mass.

The Ladies' Aid will hold its annual meeting at Mrs. Henry L. Poor's, Dec. 27.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hall are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, Friday, Dec. 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Merrill were the guests of B. L. Akers and wife, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Caldwell are in Mexico this week, the guests of their son, Guy and family.

Dr. W. Z. Twitchell's camp at No. 4, which was occupied by Henry Miller and family, was burned Tuesday evening. Mrs. Miller and children were in Upton visiting, and Mr. Miller was at the village when the building caught fire. Everything was burned. The fire was supposed to have caught around the chimney. Mrs. Miller and children returned the first of the week and are living in Dr. Twitchell's rent on Pine street.

Lester Poor is at home from the Lakes.

Miss Villa Akers is spending a short time at Rumford.

Miss Florence Cummings from Norway was the guest of J. L. Bailey and wife the first of the week.

Miss Gladys Greenlief closed a successful term of school, Friday at No. 4, and returned to her home in Southport, Saturday.

Harrison Amber and Henry Howard from Kent's Hill are enjoying the Christmas vacation at their homes.

Ray Thurston was at Bethel, Sunday.

Geo. Cole, John Martin and G. E. Ray were at C. Pond last week, hunting.

Hattie Merrill from Roxbury will board at Harry Merrill's and attend the school at East Andover this winter.

The Girls' Club of Ten met with Grace Mitchell, Saturday. Their sale Monday evening, Dec. 11, was a success, almost $35 being taken. They will send this money to the Children's Hospital, in Portland.

Arthur Ladd has 150 cords of pulp wood to saw for Orlando Hannaford and 150 cords of birch for the Philbrick Bros.

Mr. and Mrs T. W. Blaisdell, who formerly lived at East Andover visited friends in town, recently.

Herbert Hutchins has been at home several days with a quinsy sore throat.

Frank Akers, Ray Thurston, and Walter Akers will go to Richardson Pond soon for the winter.

The Knights of King Arthur held a social in the H. & L. Hall, Monday evening and invited their friends. A merry evening was spent.

Rev. H. L. Packard took for his text Sunday morning, "The Voice of Him That Crieth in the Wilderness, Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord, Make Straight in the Desert a Highway for Our God." Isa. 40:3.

Chester Sweatt, who has been guiding parties at the Lakes, returned home, Saturday.

Marchant Parrott from Lynn is the guest of his mother, Mrs. Owen Lovejoy.

Mrs. Abbie Poor will spend Christmas with friends in Portland.

Virgil Cole is slowly recovering from the gun shot wound received several weeks ago.

The schools in town closed Friday for a two weeks' vacation.

LIGHTING BY GAS.

It Was a Costly Process When It Was First Established.

The first incorporated gas company was the National Light and Heat Company of England, established in 1809. In America the first gas company was incorporated in Baltimore in 1816, the second one in Boston in 1822, and the next one was the New York Gaslight company, incorporated in 1823.

Prior to 1830 the gas business of this country was nominal, but the price probably was responsible for its slow development. From 1824 to 1828, says Moody's Magazine, the New York Gaslight company sold gas to consumers at the rate of $10 a thousand cubic feet.

The first artificial illuminating gas was produced in England about 1726 by one Dr. Hales, but not until 1780 was a practical test made. In that year the Earl of Dundonald of Scotland arranged an apparatus by which he lighted his castle with gas. The same year William Murdock of Birmingham, England, introduced gas as a light in his workshops at Redruth and Cornwall.

As Mr Murdock was the first man to reap any commercial benefit from the discovery of the use of illuminating gas, he may properly be accredited as the father of modern public utilities. In 1813 London bridge was illuminated by gas, and five years later gas was in general use throughout the main part of London.

THE WORDS YOU SAID.

Kind, were they? Or mean, were they?
  Full of hate or cheer?
Bitter or serene were they?
  Did they jibe or jeer?
Do you know they did not die
  On the empty air,
But that still on wings they fly
  Ever here and there?

He to whom your word was kind
  Had a perfect day,
All he saw or heard was kind
  All along the way,
And the folk with whom he dealt,
  After he had gone
Still the kindly impulse felt,
  Passed the good word on.

Out and out it spread, until
  Circling mile on mile
Grew the word you said until
  All were glad the while.
You may never know the good
  You have done to men
But it shall, just as it should,
  Circle back again.

And the bitter, growling speech
  Went from one to one;
When you made the growling speech
  Then it was not done.
But it journeyed up and down
  Ways you cannot guess,
Breeding sigh and fret and frown
  And unhappiness.

Kind, were they? Or mean, were they?
  Born of joy or spite?
Sharp and full of spleen, were they,
  Or blent with delight?
What they were and what they meant,
  When they had their start,
Think you what a way you sent
  What was in your heart?
—Wilbur D. Nesbit, in Chicago Evening Post.

If you are troubled with chronic constipation, the mild and gentle effect of Chamberlain's Tablets makes them especially suited to your case. For sale by W. E. Bosserman. 12-7-1m.

Are You Twenty-one?
Deposit Five Dollars a Week with
Rumford Falls Trust Co.,

When you are
Twenty-six You will have $1,462.00
When you are
Thirty-one You will have $3,252.00
When you are
Forty-one you will have $8,070.00
When you are
Sixty-one you will have $25,888.00

We are paying Fifty Thousand Dollars a year to depositors in our Savings Department.

One Dollar opens on account and
DRAWS INTEREST.

New Accounts invited, be they large or small. Send us your deposit to-day. We will do the rest. Write us.

STANLEY BISBEE
Hardware and Builders' Material.
Gasoline.
Stanley Bisbee, Rumford.

MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Below we enumerate a list of our Holiday line, calling attention to the many different articles carried in stock. As our prices are moderate for the quality of goods we have we do not offer any premiums but prefer to make it up in our liberal prices.

HAIR BRUSHES, DRINKING GLASSES, TOOTH BRUSHES, MATCH SAFES, NAIL BRUSHES, SHAVING MUGS, INFANT BRUSHES, MILITARY BRUSHES, TOILET CASES, PERFUMERY, MANICURE SETS, BILL BOOKS, JEWEL CASES, LEATHER GOODS, NECKTIE BOXES, STATIONERY, GLOVE BOXES, CONFECTIONERY, TOILET SETS, HOLIDAY BOXES, THERMOS BOTTLES, GAMES, HAND MIRRORS, CARD CASES, MUSIC ROLLS, BASKETS, BRASS GOODS, NAIL FILES, BOOKLETS, HAND BAGS, PLAYING CARDS, CLOTHES BRUSHES, SCRAP BOOKS, XMAS CARDS, POST CARD ALBUMS, SOAP BOXES, PIPES, FOUNTAIN PENS, CIGARS, THERMOMETERS, CIGAR HOLDERS, CUTLERY, KODAKS, WRITING PADS, SAFETY RAZORS, BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS.

W. E. BOSSERMAN, Druggist.
BETHEL, MAINE.

GUARANTEED

Kirschbaum Clothes.

ALL-WOOL **HAND TAILORED**

You want good looks and service out of your suit or overcoat for more than the present day or week. Don't forget that the weeks and months to come are just as important.

GET ALL-WOOL!

GET HAND-TAILORING!

The way to make certain of all-wool; to be sure of hand-tailoring, is to let us fit you in a suit or overcoat with the

Kirschbaum Label.

We can offer these superior suits and overcoats with the assurance that they will give splendid long wear satisfaction.

Prices, $15 to $22.

F. H. NOYES CO.,

NORWAY Blue Stores. SOUTH PARIS

BOOTS AND SHOES

Make Acceptable Christmas Presents.

And as usual we have a very complete stock of all kinds for Men, Women and Children.

If you come here you will find what you want at the RIGHT PRICE. We also have a large line of TRUNKS, BAGS and SUIT CASES, and remember that this is the ONE PRICE STORE, and that price is always the RIGHT PRICE.

Our store will be open evenings from Dec. 18th to 23rd inclusive and closed all day Christmas.

E. N. SWETT SHOE CO.,

Opera House Block, NORWAY, MAINE.
Telephone 38-2

PLENTY OF COMPANY.

"Yes, she went crazy over bridge."

"A sad case."

"Oh, no great harm done. They put her in a fashionable sanitarium, and she's playing a better game than ever now."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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FURS

Ideal Christmas Gifts

We offer this month as our leader LADIES' SETS, consisting of wide Shawl Collar and large Pillow Muff, in the very latest and most stylish designs and in the following furs: Black Fox, Black Wolf, Black Raccoon and Sable Fox.

Your Choice $25.00

Our Entire Stock at Special Prices during the remainder of the year. Give us an idea of what you want and we will send you catalogue and prices. GOODS SENT ON APPROVAL. Satisfaction guaranteed.

J. R. PALMER, CO., Furriers,
Desk 18, 513 Congress Street,
Portland, Me.

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12-7-4t.

LADIES FAIR.

All blondes are not light headed.

Girls with liquid azure eyes should be careful not to drown them.

[illegible] are a delight to the eye and a [illegible] to the mind.

Never tell a grass widow that she is in the heyday of life.

If women's age counts against her she knows enough to keep down the count.

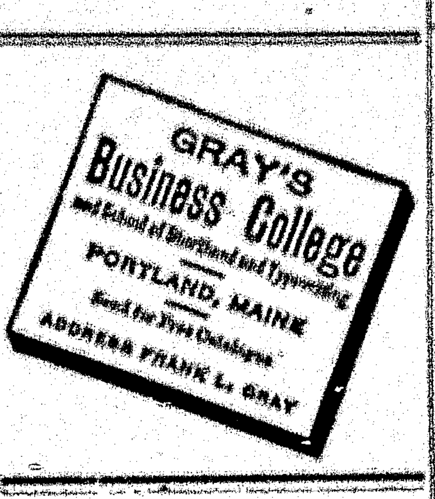
The girl who [illegible] for a [illegible] [illegible] this was a joy.

The idea of marrying will haunt a woman if she has the ghost of a chance.

[illegible] feel proud of having some new admirers but one old one is worth more to her credit.—Boston Transcript.

A Dreadful Wound

from a knife, gun, tin can, rusty nail, fireworks, or of any other nature, demands prompt treatment with Bucklen's Arnica Salve to prevent blood poison or gangrene. It's the quickest, surest healer for all such wounds as also for Burns, Boils, Sores, Skin Eruptions, Eczema, Chapped Hands, Corns or Piles. 25c at Chas. Tirrell's, Nathan Reynolds', Canton; H. J. Reynolds' of Ridlonville; C. A. Goddard's of Dixfield.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PORTLAND, MAINE
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THE CHRISTMAS FAMILY.

By Mary F. Butts.

Oh, what a family is ours,
The season's gifts to share,
And many are the "little ones"
Who look for Christmas fare.

Rich is the land in grain and gold,
His fertile fields stretch far,
Between the seas His forests stand,
And we His stewards are.

He looks into the dreary rooms,
Where dwell His children dear
In want and sorrow. "Why," he says,
"Are not My servants here?"

He turns Him from the steaming feasts
And from the flowing wine.
"What do ye [illegible] into their cup,"
"He asks, "when all is Mine?"

In the dim cellars, where the poor
For love their pittance share
And smile down the hunger pang,
He finds more gracious fare.

If we who keep the bounteous feast,
The world is yours in trust,
With priceless treasures [illegible] o'er,
And love's account is just.

'Tis thus, the Christ's great festival,
To Him our gifts must be
His word abides: "Unto My Poor
Gifts ye would bring Me."
—Youth's Companion

Wifely Ideal Too High.

The man who is as good as his wife thinks he ought to be is ripe for heaven.

You will find that druggists everywhere speak well of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. They know from long experience in the sale of it that in cases of coughs and colds it can always be depended upon, and that it is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by W. E. Bosserman.
12-7-1m.

There Is Little Satisfaction

in buying goods out of town and afterwards finding out that they could have bought them at less price at home.

In order to avoid this, trade with YOUNG

LADIES' AND GENT'S FUR GOODS, FUR CAPS, FUR LINED GLOVES, TRUNKS, BAGS, SLEIGH BELLS, HARNESS, ETC.

YOUNG'S,

BETHEL, MAINE.

A Yuletide Home-Coming

By Charles McCabe

THE club looked just the very thing Gerald Mannersley was craving for—a sense of home.

A few lines read accidentally in an out-of-date newspaper had made him restless with longing for the old scenes. And so he had traveled two days and nights in a sleeper, vaguely connecting his journey's end with all the love and friendship his starved nature was demanding.

When he arrived at his old club on a chill, grey Christmas morning, it was only to find that fifteen years' silent absence had been too severe a test for friendship. The place was empty of all but servants, and they wore strange, unwelcoming faces.

He stood at the club window, looking out on the desolate, deserted street which he had always remembered as being thronged, and a great sadness swept over him.

This was not what he wanted. From his pocket he drew out the scrap of paper which had really brought him so many miles, and looked at it bitterly. It was only a death announcement cut from a paper of a year ago and ran in the usual way—"Michael Townley, at his residence," etc.

In fancy he saw a sweet-faced maiden, who sought her happiness only in the eyes of the youth by her side. There were joybells there, too, as they left the church with the fragrance of mutual love about them.

The bells pealed on outside, and willing fancy led him still further into the realm of "might have been."

In an instant he made up his mind to visit once more the old-fashioned cottage not many miles away, to which he had hoped fifteen years before to take a bride. He would go and see it, even if its neglected condition only added to his loneliness and pain.

Two hours later he was striding through the crisp country air along a winding path which led to a rambling, ivy-covered cottage.

As the last turn brought him in sight of the house he stopped in surprise. He had expected to see dirt, ruin, and decay, but instead he looked upon a trim, well-kept cottage, and a soft, crooning song, in a voice which reawakened the tender memories of long ago, came floating through the unlatched door.

Half believing that it must be fancy leading him still, he entered the house softly, and, following the voice, went into the inner room, and stood in the glow of the warm firelight.

The sweet, tired-faced, middle-aged singer turned as his shadow fell across the light, and then stood white and trembling.

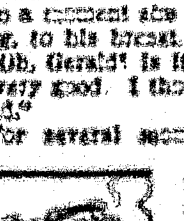
"Gerald!" she whispered. "Gerald! have you come to reproach me? Not today! Not today!"

The strong man's voice broke as he held out his arms.

"Nance!" he cried joyfully.

In a moment she was crushed, sobbing, to his breast.

"Oh, Gerald! is it really you? God is very good. I thought you must be dead."



For several moments they stood thus, the strong man's tears falling on her grey-tinged hair. Then he gently put her into a chair.

"You are not alone?" he asked as his eyes caught sight of a little table laid for two, daintily spread with Christmas fare.

"Yes," she answered. "I am quite alone. I have often come down here."

"But you are expecting somebody?" he said, calling attention to the table.

She flushed prettily, looking almost as young as she had in his dreams of the morning, as she replied:

"I was expecting you, Gerald."

He smiled happily at her, then the smile faded, and he sighed as he sank into a chair.

"This is all foolishness, Nance," he said sadly. "You could not live here in the old days, you could do so less now, and I could not live here on another man's thousands."

A smile hovered over the woman's face as she flitted here and there, busily preparing things for a meal. Then she slipped behind a chair, and leaning over whispered with burning cheeks:

"Perhaps you do not know, Gerald, that—that Mr. Townley's money goes back to his family if—if I marry again."

The man sprang to his feet and took her into his strong arms again.

"It is not too late," he cried. "We are still young. Will you let me try to make you happy?"

Her answer was drowned in the burst of Christmas bells that pealed from the village church close by. But he did not need her words; he could see her eyes.

LOCKE'S MILLS.

Mrs. D. B. Grant of Bethel was visiting friends in town, Sunday.

Ordel Bryant of Lewiston was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Azel Bryant, Sunday.

Stanley Wheeler of South Paris was in town on business, Wednesday.

Mrs. C. R. Bartlett is attending State Grange at Lewiston, this week.

Tom Brown returned from Bemis, where he has been hunting, bringing with him an eight point buck, weighing 200 pounds.

Grace Kendall spent Sunday with her parents at Bethel.

Walter Band was in Portland on business, Thursday.

Mrs. Elmer Fiske was in Norway, shopping, recently.

London's Italian Colony.

The Italians in London, England, are sufficient of themselves to form a large town. There are as many as 14,000, about 2,000 of whom are ice-cream venders and 1,000 organ-grinders. The other 11,000 are chiefly engaged as plaster bust sellers, artists' models, cooks, valets, teachers, artists, restaurant and hotel keepers, and so on.

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I have just received a stock of WILSON'S FRECKLE CREAM made by WILSON FRECKLE CREAM CO., Charleston, South Carolina. It is fine, is fragrant and harmless, and positively removes freckles, tan, and brown moth, bleaches dark faces light; will not make hair grow. You have my guarantee that it will take off your freckles and tan or I will give you back your money. Come in, see and try it. THE JARS ARE LARGE and two at most are sufficient. I send them by mail, if desired. Price 50c.

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Bethel, Me.

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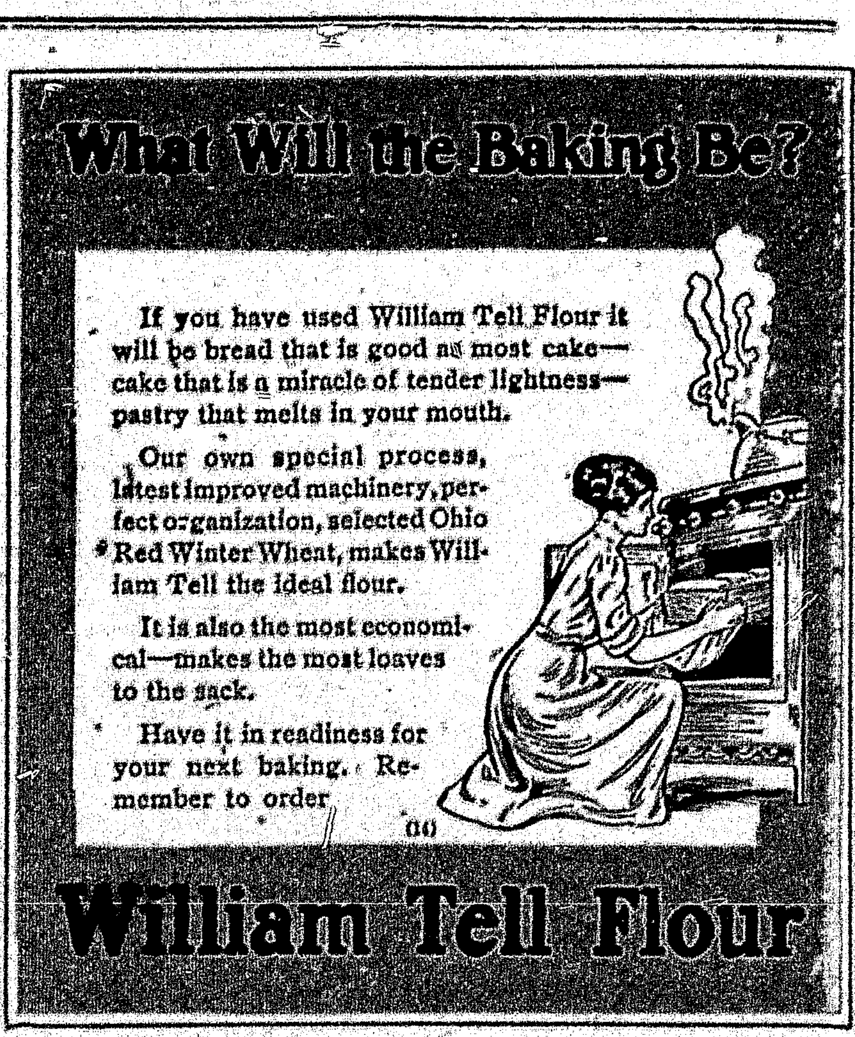
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DECEMBER.

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And Christmas chimes where-e'er we go,
And stockings pinned up in a row!
These are thy gifts, December!

And if the year has made thee old,
And silvered all thy locks of gold,
Thy heart has never been a-cold,
Or known a fading ember.

The whole world is a Christmas tree,
And stars its many candles be.
Oh, sing a carol joyfully
The year's great feast in keeping!

For once on a December night,
An angel held a candle bright,
And led three Wise Men by its light,
To where a child was sleeping.
—Harriet F. Blodgett.

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New colorings and patterns—a fine assortment. They make a very pleasing gift.

BEAUTIFUL NECKWEAR
The season's very newest creations, 25c to $1.00

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of all kinds are here in vast assortments. Wool Gloves, Kid Gloves, Fur Gloves, 50c to $5.00.

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All kinds, from the cheapest to the best—plain or initial—great values at 10c to $1.00.

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An immense line of good socks in all the shades one can imagine, priced, 25c to $1.00

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Commence right away to do your Christmas trading—come forenoons if you can—the sooner you come, the better the assortments will be, and then you don't have to hurry. Make selections now; we'll deliver when you want us to. We are showing, by far, the finest collection of desirable gifts for men ever shown here.

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Rumford, Maine.

The Christmas Tree Lesson

By Dorothy Blakemore

"IT would be perfect folly, George," the girl was saying.

"Thanks," the man replied, a little hurt.

"You know very well what I mean. It would be foolish—worse than foolish—for us to marry and—it is not because I do not love you George," she added, earnestly.

"What on earth is necessary—except love?" asked the impatient man.

The girl laughed. "Much—much more," she said. "You admit, for instance, that you are absolutely bored to death in the country, that picnics any kind of outing where you have to get down to nature is uninteresting to you. Even today you chafe under the discomfort of having to sit on a mossy mound instead of in a mahogany arm chair with a leather hassock at your feet. You would rather hear the clang of a trolley car than the song of a bird; you would rather eat a six-course dinner in a brilliantly lighted restaurant with music and the gay chatter of many companions than sit down quietly in your own home to a simple domestic meal with—with a single woman for a vis-a-vis. While, I—well, set down all the opposites of the things you live for and you have what I like. Don't you see, George?"

For a time the man did not answer. He counted the buttons on his gaiters with the tip of his walking stick.

"Is it as bad as that, girl?" he asked. "Are we as far apart as that?"

Eleanora nodded while she looked straight into his eyes. "We are," she repeated, "even as far as that."

"And there we stand—do we?"

"Yes—you in the city with all the lights turned on you; I in the quiet, peaceful country with only the eyes of my family and my friends to see me and all of nature to commune with."

"It doesn't look like a very happy prospect for a life together, Eleanore. We're old enough to see that—even in our 20's—aren't we? But oh—" and there was a great longing tenderness in his voice—"I do love you. I do want you, dear."

The girl turned away. Presently she rose to go. There was no buoyancy in her movement. At last, the thing she had been fearing had come to pass. They had had their explanation—they had tried to have an understanding as to why they could not marry each other. There was no further hope that he would tire of the life she considered artificial, the life she had been brought up in and—hated. Always, she had longed for the country and when she began to realize that she loved George Davidson it was with fading hope that she studied his life, his fancies, his preferences. He loved every inch of the merry avenues of the crowded cities, every atom of their existence.

On the way home the man told her frankly that if he could not have her—if she could not marry him and take a chance with it all—he would put her out of his life. He, manlike, was willing to take any chance to have her for his wife; but then, she explained to him, he had not given it the thought that was necessary.

"Well, I'll travel," Eleanore told him when they were parting. "I want to see rural France and Germany and—with you out of my life, George—I might be lonely," she said a little wistfully. She looked hastily away that he might not see the effort with which she kept the sparkling tear-drop from tumbling down her cheek. "And—if I find that I can come back and—and live with my ear on the trolley track, I—I'll come and let you know. Meantime, you shall not know where I am," she said, an almost imperceptible break in her voice. She had tried to be gay, but she had failed dismally—and she knew he knew it.

"All right, girl," the man said, holding her hand closely in his own. "Since you're afraid of adding to the long list of mis-mates among our friends—I'll remain as I am. I'll have you or no one, mate or mis-mate. Good-by."

He strode off with never a look behind and she knew he was gone out of her life until—"Oh, forever?" she said, as she dashed away the foolish tears that pushed each other from her eyes.

True to her word, she traveled. She journeyed here and there and enjoyed things as only a woman of her caliber can enjoy the beautiful, rare old things she had read of and heard of all her life.

When she returned to her own country it was to take up her profession of teaching—but in the country this time. She found a home in the rectory of an old church. The minister was a family friend, and she went into the family to tutor his two children with the privilege of having a few others during the hours in the week.

She spent many happy days with the children; she taught them everything she knew how to teach them, from reading and spelling to French and German, but, most of all, she taught them the love of Mother Nature.

The holidays were drawing near and Eleanore had little time for introspection. She was busy helping the children keep their Christmas secrets, planning for the Christmas tree in the church, making odds and ends to give to friends. For the time, she was almost forgotten.

But when Christmas eve had come and gone and she sat in the small conservatory of the rectory on Christmas afternoon when the children, tired from play, had gone to take an afternoon nap and the good rector with his wife had gone and done likewise, Eleanore began to have that lonely feeling deep within her. She looked out of doors where tiny snowflakes were just beginning to blow here and there as forerunners of a glorious Yuletide snowstorm.

Suddenly, as if to ward off the blues, she sought her cloak and gloves. She would go out in it if only because she could!

Outside, she struck out briskly toward the churchyard where the fir trees were green. There was much of the yard that was made up of beautiful parkways with wonderful blue spruce trees mingled with the old-fashioned green Christmas tree.

It was toward these trees that she walked and with every breath of the soft, moist air, she felt invigorated. The caress of each tiny snowflake as it touched her cheek was sweet to the girl who loved nature.

Presently, ahead of her, she saw a group of boys. They seemed to be looking up at a great green fir tree and listening to a man who stood in their midst.

Eleanore drew near. None of the little group had seen her as she walked softly on the snow covered grass. The man—her heart beat wildly—was George Davidson.

Suddenly, as if he felt her presence, he turned. "You," he cried, "Eleanore." Then, as if remembering the boys, he said, "Boys, I want to introduce you all to Miss Marvelle. Perhaps she can tell you more than I can about—Christmas trees."

Eleanore acknowledged the introduction to each bareheaded lad even while her hand was still in the big warm one of George Davidson.

"It's like this, Eleanore," he was explaining. "I've sort of taken up some settlement work on the East side lately, and when one of these boys asked me—not long ago—where the Christmas trees came from I—I felt ashamed to think he had been under my eye and didn't know. He'd never been out of the city in his life—had never seen a fir tree growing."

She Was Not Happy.

Eleanore's eyes grew wide with surprise. "Poor lad!" she said.

"Then and there, I promised the whole crowd of boys that on Christmas day I would take them to see a real Christmas tree growing in the earth where it belongs. I told them they should not have their gifts until we stood under one of Nature's own trees and—well, here we are. Aren't we, boys?" he asked, turning to the group of young foreigners who adored him.

"I was trying to tell them about—trees and things and—"

The man broke off lamely.

"And you didn't know very much about them. Was that it?" Eleanore asked, teasingly.

"That's it, exactly," he said. Then he drew near and spoke in an undertone while the lads, feeling instinctively that they were at liberty to roam about if they desired, left the two standing together.

"Is it too late for me—to learn?" he asked.

"No," she said, "but first, I'd like to exchange a few lessons in how to behave in a fashionable restaurant for them," she said.

"Eleanore!" he cried.

"Yes," she admitted, "it isn't so thrilling to sit on the porch all evening and watch the moon come up behind the trees—alone—even if it is Nature, I—suppose we combine our tastes and live in the country, but not so far that we can't get to town whenever we—you I should say—feel like it?"

"I feel now dear, that I never want to see the city again if—if you don't want to," he said. "I'm so weary of living without you that I'd gladly camp under a haystack with nothing but the lowing herd for an outlook if you were with me."

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Music Cases	$1.25 to $6.98
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Gents' Bill Folds	25c to $3.50

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Lavalliers	50c to $7.98
Neck Chains	75c and $1.00
Pendants	75c to $4.98
Ear Rings	50c to $2.00
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CANTON

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Tucker attended the Maine poultry show at Portland, last week.

Mrs. Frank Richardson has been a guest of relatives at Livermore Falls.

High school began Monday with Ray Carter, of Fairfield, teacher.

M. A. Wolfe has returned from a hunting trip up country.

Dr. W. E. Witter of Boston, N. E. secretary of Baptist Foreign Mission Society, spoke at the F. B. church, last Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. York have been guests of relatives at Livermore Falls.

Mrs. A. H. Adams has been a guest of friends at Lawrence, Mass.

Arthur, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward MacNichol of Lynn, Mass., is very ill.

John Dillon attended the funeral of his brother, Edward Dillon, of Jay, Sunday.

Mrs. Carrie Smith was a recent guest of her parents, Hon. J. P. Swasey and wife.

A talk on Alaska was given by Miss Ham of Portland at the F. B church last week, which was much enjoyed.

Mrs. Della Tarr and child of Farmington are guests of Mrs. John Seavey and family.

Raymond Standley of Lewiston is visiting his old home in Canton, and is a guest of Chas. F. Oldham and family.

P. E. Hinds is visiting at Livermore Falls.

The village schools will hold a fair on Thursday of this week.

Clara Barrows is employed at Dixfield.

The Androscoggin Valley Agricultural Society have elected the following officers:—Pres., W. W. Rose, Canton; Vice Pres., Stanley Bisbee, Rumford; Sec., O. M. Richardson, Canton; Treas., W. B. Marble, Dixfield; Trustees to serve two years, A. L. Stanwood, Rumford; C. H. Beaney, Sumner, and C. T. Bobney, Canton.

The Missionary meeting of the F. B. church will be held at G. A. R. Hall, Thursday of this week.

Ethan Harlow is improving in health.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Fardy last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll S. York of Augusta have been guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. E. York.

Master Gerald Newman of Auburn who is ill of scarlet fever is getting along nicely.

Samuel Foley of Livermore is seriously ill. Miss Sue Gordon is caring for him.

Christmas exercises will be held at the Grange Hall, Saturday, by the children of the patrons.

Evergreen Chapter, O. E. S. have elected the following officers for the ensuing year:—M., Mrs. Estella Briggs; P., A. A. Russell; A. M., Mrs. Clara Hayford; Sec., Mrs. Marion Smith; Treas., Mrs. Martha Childs; Cond., Mrs. Minnie Oliver; Asso. Cond., Miss Carrie Hayford; Trustees, C. E. Mendall, Mrs. Sarah Reynolds, Mrs. Helen Eastman.

The officers of John A. Hodge Relief Corps elected at their last meeting are as follows:—Pres., Mrs. Evie York; Vice Pres., Mrs. Flora York; Chap., Mrs. Eunice Oldham; Treas., Mrs. Estella Briggs; Sec., Mrs. Susan Tirrell; Cond., Miss Florence Childs; Guard, Mrs. A. F. Russell; Past Pres., Mrs. C. E. Richardson.

Mrs. G. L. Wadlin has been visiting in Lewiston.

Ralph Campbell is ill.

At the annual meeting of Canton Grange officers were elected as follows: Master, O. M. Richardson; O., Wm. Hayden; Lect., Mrs. C. E. Richardson; S., H. E. Tucker; A. S., Chas. Walker; Treas., C. W. Walker; Sec., Mrs. Lydia Walker; G. K., Bert Dodge; Ceres, Mrs. Blanche Richardson; Pomona, Mrs. Clara Hayford; Flora, Mrs. H. E. Tucker; L. A. S., Lillian Walker; Trustees, John Briggs, S. C. Jones, F. E. Adkins.

Rev. James Tillinghast will preach at Canton next Sunday at 2:45 instead of the usual hour. Canton people will again have the pleasure of hearing Miss Mildred Shaw of Haskell, a fine vocal soloist. Mr. Tillinghast preached at Beverly, Mass., last Sunday.

Mrs. Henry Nulty was the guest of her daughter, Miss Alice Nulty, Saturday.

New Century Pomona met at Canton Wednesday, with a good attendance. All officers present except Ceres. The following officers were elected: L. H. Bisbee, Sumner, M.; H. H. Richards, Byron, O.; Mrs. May Robinson, Peru, L.; C. E. Richardson, Canton, S.; Manly White, Dixfield, A. S.; Mrs. Manly White, L. A. S.; Mrs. Lorin Walker, Peru, Chap.; A. F. Russell, Sr., Canton, Treas.; Ava L. Eastman, Dixfield, Sec.; Rosie Swett, Dixfield, Ceres; Mrs. L. H. Bisbee, Sumner, Pomona; Mrs. C. E. Richardson, Canton, Flora; Jotham Shaw, G. K. Executive committee to serve two years: W. H. Eastman, F. L. Torrey. The election was interspersed by quotations, readings, songs and chair music. The next meeting will be held at East Sumner, the second Wednesday in January.

NORTH HARTFORD.

Wilma Davenport returned from E. Auburn, Tuesday, where she visited friends for a week past.

Martha Sargent was called to Mechanic Falls by the illness of her sister, Mrs. Merle Dunn.

Mrs. Walter Gammon went to Lewiston on business, Saturday.

George Woodside was through the place with a drove of seventeen cows and heifers.

Geo. Foster bought a calf of J. Davenport, recently.

Percy Davenport, who went to Wales to assist George Woodside with his drove of cattle, returned home, Thursday night.

The apple packers have been the rounds again to finish up packing the Ben Davis apples.

There is to be a little Christmas tree at Tyler Corner's school, Friday, December 22nd.

Isaac Farnum is working in the woods for George Corliss.

School began at Tyler Corner, Dec. 4, under the instruction of Mrs. Martha Curtis. We think it will be a profitable term as she is an old experienced teacher.

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It was a long and bloody battle for life that was waged by James B. Mershon, of Newark, N. J., of which he writes: "I had lost much blood from lung hemorrhages, and was very weak and run-down. For eight months I was unable to work. Death seemed close on my heels, when I began, three weeks ago, to use Dr. King's New Discovery. But it has helped me greatly. It is doing all that you claim." For weak, sore lungs, obstinate coughs, stubborn colds, hoarseness, la grippe, asthma, hay-fever or any throat or lung trouble it's supreme. 50c and $1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by Chas. Fernald, Nathan Reynolds, Canton; H. J. Reynolds of Ridlonville; C. A. Gardiner of Dixfield.

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The Trifle

By HARRY IRVING GREENE

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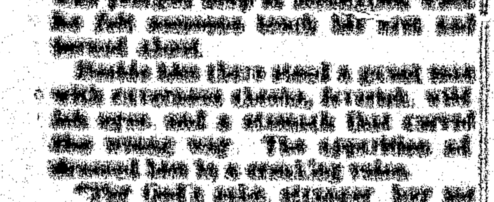
THERE was a time when Wallington had generally been conceded to be a brand new genius in the financial world—a marvelous being who could change stones into bread and sorrow into [illegible]; then all at once he found himself in the throes of bankruptcy.

He had exhausted his resources and was for the time being hopelessly [illegible]. Day by day his little handful of remaining change vanished in steadily diminishing ratio as the meals became cheaper and farther apart, until finally he had but a dime left. This coin he resolved to save for some last and most desperate extremity, and he even determined to fast for days before parting with it. And fast for days he did, while all these the days came much too fast.

When Christmas eve came he had not tasted food for three days. He

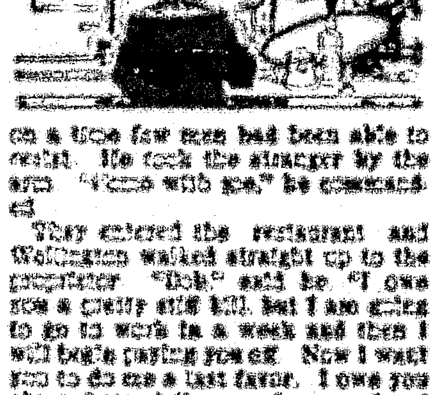


felt that he could endure it no longer, that the last and most desperate extremity had arrived, and that now he must spend his dime. He was plunged deep in meditation when he felt someone touch his arm and turned about.

Beside him there stood a gaunt man with cavernous cheeks, feverish, wild-ish eyes, and a stomach that curved the wrong way. The apparition addressed him in a cracking voice.

"For God's sake, stranger, buy me something to eat. I am penniless and near the verge of committing crime. I have worn out my shoes looking for work, and while I have a job promised me it will be a week before it is open. And meanwhile I am starving, friend, starving. In the name of Christmas spare me enough for a meal out of your plenty."

Wallington stared into the pleading [illegible] as he fingered his last and smoothly worn dime. He knew well enough what that other man was suffering, for had he not been in the same plight twenty-four hours before? And to give a man a dime in such a case was so grossly inadequate. Yet what could he do? He turned about. Close before him was a restaurant where he had spent hundreds of dollars in his palmy days and whose proprietor he knew well. Yet he owed a bill there for his last big after theater dinner party of many months ago, and he had never had the courage even in his semistarvation to go in and ask for more credit. Yet now it must be done, for here was a human being starving upon the streets. Wallington shuddered. It was plainly his duty to fill this man's stomach, and for the last time he would exert those powers of persuasion which once up



on a time few men had been able to resist. He took the stranger by the arm. "Come with me," he commanded.

They entered the restaurant and Wallington walked straight up to the proprietor. "Bob," said he, "I owe you a pretty stiff bill, but I am going to go to work in a week and then I will begin paying you off. Now I want you to do me a last favor. I owe you about forty dollars, and a couple of dollars more won't make much difference to you. It is Christmas eve and my friend over there is starving. Now I want you to fill him up to the chin on good, solid food and charge it to me. I will not ask you for any favors again if you will do this last thing." The proprietor looked at his old patron thoughtfully.

"All right," he announced at length. "Being's its Christmas eve I'll take a chance on you even if you are down and out. Tell your friend to order what he wants." So Wallington and the stranger sat down together and Wallington watched his companion fill himself with good things until at last when his stomach again curved the right way, the droop gone from his shoulders and the feverish light vanished from his eyes, the gorged one arose.

"My friend," said the stranger, "I could not have endured it another day—but of course you have never known what it is to go two days without food. And when tonight you go home and sit down to your table to your feast, remember that there is one outcast fellow being upon the streets who is blessing every mouthful that you eat. Good by. Christmas."

Wallington held out his hand. "Good by, stranger, and good luck to you. It was a mere trifle. Happy to have been able to give you a lift." Then he went up to Frenchy's lunch house and had his dime's worth of coffee and sausage.

Dedicatory Bell Service.

At the Baptist church Sunday forenoon there was an interesting dedicatory service of the new Morton Memorial Bell. Rev. E. A. Davis' text was from Exodus xxxix:25-26: "And they made bells of gold * * * * as the Lord commanded Moses." Mr. Davis spoke interestingly upon bells and their mission. The choir furnished special music appropriate to the subject and Deacon Geo. D. Crockett gave a sketch relating to the founding, growth and improvement of the Baptist church in which Henry Franklin Morton was one of the leaders and active workers and in whose memory the bell was given. Rev. E. A. Davis read a beautiful poem relating to the various "calls" of bells. Resolutions of thankfulness and appreciation were read, accepted and spread upon the records of the church and a special rising vote of thanks extended Mrs. Henry F. Morton and children for the gift of a memorial bell.

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Caution.

"Are you giving credit now?" asked the man who had returned to his old home. "No," answered the proprietor of the general store. "What has become of that old sign you had over the counter, 'No Trust'?" "I decided to take it down. I was afraid some of the corporations that supply me with goods would misunderstand it and take offense."

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A REPROOF.

"When I was a young man," said Mr. Cumrox, "I thought nothing of day."

"Father," replied the young man with sporty clothes, "I wish you wouldn't mention it. These sensational sentiments are liable to make you unpopular."—Washington Star.

MAINE CENTRAL RAILROAD

IN EFFECT DECEMBER 3, 1911.

Trains leave Rumford at 8:45 a. m., 2:35 p. m., week days; 2:05 p. m. Sundays, for Lewiston, Portland and Boston. 4:50 p. m. week days, for Oquossoc.

Trains arrive in Rumford at 11:45 a. m., 4:10 p. m. week days, and 11:55 a. m. Sundays from Lewiston, Portland and Boston. At 8:25 a. m. week days from Oquossoc.

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MORRIS McDONALD,
Vice President & General Manager.

COLLECTOR'S ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE OF LANDS OF NON-RESIDENT OWNERS.

STATE OF MAINE.

Unpaid taxes on lands situated in the Town of Albany, in the County of Oxford for the year 1911.

The following list of taxes on real estate of non-resident owners in the Town of Albany aforesaid, for the year 1911, committed to me for collection for said Town on the fifteenth day of July, 1911, remain unpaid, and notice is hereby given that if said taxes with interest and charges are not previously paid, so much of the real estate taxed as is sufficient to pay the amount due therefor, including interest and charges, will be sold without further notice at public auction at the Town House in said Town, on the first Monday in February, 1912, at nine o'clock A. M.

Name of Owner.	Description of Property.	Amt. tax, charges, etc.
Phebe A. Cundall,	4 acres in Lot 10, Range 4,	$3.40
E. F. Mannington,	2 acres in Lot 7, Range 3,	$12.90

December 19, 1911. George Cummings, Collector of Taxes of the Town of Albany.

COLLECTOR'S ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE OF LANDS OF NON-RESIDENT OWNERS.

STATE OF MAINE.

Unpaid taxes on lands situated in the Town of Bethel, in the County of Oxford for the year 1911.

The following list of taxes on real estate of non-resident owners in the town of Bethel aforesaid, for the year 1911, committed to me for collection for said town on the fifth day of July, 1911, remain unpaid, notice is hereby given that if said taxes with interest and charges are not previously paid, so much of the real estate taxed as is sufficient to pay the amount due therefor, including interest and charges, will be sold without further notice at public auction at Odeon Hall in said Town, on the first Monday in February, 1912, at nine o'clock A. M.

Name of Owner.	Description of Property.	Amt. tax, charges, etc.
T. P. Blake,	The Gage lot, E. Bethel,	$ 4.00
Mrs. H. E. Bradeen,	N. W. Corner of 32—6, S. W. Corner of 33—6,	2.60
Henry Cross,	Homestead at West Bethel,	6.30
	Part of E. B. Shaw Farm East of road,	4.30
Guy A. Cushman,	Homestead Farm,	21.00
A. J. Haskell,	Homestead and Store at West Bethel,	37.00
S. W. Porter, Heirs of	Homestead at West Bethel,	3.40

December 19, 1911. N. E. Richardson, Collector of Taxes of the Town of Bethel.

GIVE SENSIBLE PRESENTS THIS YEAR GIVE THINGS THAT ARE USEFUL

Footwear Is The Ideal Christmas Gift

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COLLECTOR'S ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE OF LANDS OF RESIDENT OWNERS.

STATE OF MAINE.

Unpaid taxes on lands situated in the Town of Bethel, in the County of Oxford for the year 1911.

The following list of taxes on real estate of resident owners in the Town of Bethel aforesaid, for the year 1911, committed to me for collection for said Town on the fifth day of July, 1911, remain unpaid; notice is hereby given that if said taxes with interest and charges are not previously paid, so much of the real estate taxed as is sufficient to pay the amount due therefor, including interest and charges, will be sold without further notice at public auction at Odeon Hall in said Town, on the first Monday in February, 1912, at nine o'clock A. M.

Name of Owner	Description of Property	Amt. tax, charges, etc
Hector Chasson,	Homestead Farm,	$13.10
J. Melton Kenniston,	Homestead at East Bethel,	3.12
	Stable and land at South Bethel,	1.00
Seth L. Mason,	Homestead Farm,	12.90
Mrs. George H. Seavey,	Homestead,	13.23
Casey L. Stevens,	The C. N. Kimball Homestead Farm,	31.05
Arthur S. Stowell,	House lot on Mason St.,	4.65
Clarence Thurlow,	Homestead,	9.30
Fred C. Verrill,	Homestead Farm,	31.50
Peter Wheeler, Heirs of	The Daniel Gibson Homestead Farm, Meadow part of 31—1—15,	17.00

December 19, 1911. N. E. Richardson, Collector of Taxes of the Town of Bethel.